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Signed at Tokyo on this

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/s/ I. Sakamoto
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Witness: /s/ T. Watanabe

CHIEF OF THE
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Official Capacity

Statement of Official Procurement

I, HENRY SHIMOJIMA, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above certification was obtained by me from the above signed official of the ASAHI SHIMBUN in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this

17th day of November, 1947

/s/ Henry Shimojima
NAME

Witness: /s/ J.F. Munroe

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TOKYO ASAHI -- 19 Nov. 1941

**Military Preparations of Army and Navy
Absolutely Complete to Meet Any Possible
Situation Emphatically Declared by Both
Ministers**

At the Budget General Meeting of the House of Representatives on the 18th, War Minister TOJO and Navy Minister SHIMADA respectively answered to the interpellation of Mr. Yadanji NAKAJIMA (Member of the Imperial Rule Assistance Comrades /YOKU DO/) the last of which was, "What is the state of the preparations of the Imperial Forces to cope with the present situation which shows the tensivity as of /being on/ the eve of war?" and declared that both the Army and Naval preparations to meet any situation at any time are fully complete; the statements are as follows:

The Statement of War Minister TOJO [Gist of our stenographic report]. For these several years, since the outbreak of the Incident, the Army with the approval of the Diet, has been accelerating the replenishment of military preparations and has also been making strenuous efforts to better and to complete the war preparations. This was carried on as a means of the successful completion of the China Incident and also of being prepared to cope with presumable changes of the future situation. And, as I stated yesterday, I want you all to regard the Army as being perfectly prepared to meet any future possible change. I am confident in asking you to set your minds at ease on this matter.

The Statement of Navy Minister SHIMADA [Gist of our stenographic report]. Our Imperial Navy is perfectly prepared to meet such a situation as now referred to.